

known for his involvement in the pro-life movement, founding the Pro-Life Action Ministries, a group that now has 20,000 members.

Brother Michael valued every life and dedicated his work to helping those that needed help the most. However, it was Brother Michael who was the recipient of tremendous support when, 12 years ago, he was left a quadriplegic as a result of a bout with pneumonia. His Franciscan Brothers worked out rotating shifts, so that one of them was with Brother Michael every day, taking care of all his needs.

The Brothers believe that their ministry has blossomed from this experience, teaching them to love and give unconditionally. While the Brothers mourn the loss of their founder, they celebrate his life and will continue his mission of service.

Mr. Speaker, Brother Michael and his brothers in the Franciscan Brothers of Peace exemplify what it means to give of yourself to others and to live life as an example.

#### HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DATA SYSTEMS ANALYSTS, INC.

##### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 40th Anniversary of Data Systems Analysts, Inc. (DSA).

In 1963, a team of software engineers aspired to provide people across the globe with sophisticated, technology-based, communication systems. Out of this objective, an information technology company, DSA, was born. Soon afterward, the company landed its first contract with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Since then, DSA has remained committed to providing innovative defense solutions. This commitment most recently was demonstrated during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today, DSA provides secure information and communication systems for governments and businesses in over twenty countries around the world.

DSA is a major regional employer, continuously providing jobs for Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania residents. Moreover, through one of the nation's longest running Employee Stock Ownership Plans, DSA is one hundred percent employee owned.

These employees have thrived in a corporate culture of integrity and trust, working together to strengthen DSA's customers' businesses and national security. For example, in an effort to protect our nation's children, DSA brought business, management, and information technology experts together to assist the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Committed to keeping the United States on the leading edge of technology, DSA has taken an active role in bridging the "digital divide," making it possible for those with limited resources to pursue an education in technology. In this endeavor, DSA is one of the founding members of the successful non-profit organization, the Open Door Foundation.

DSA also has been honored as developer of the award-winning U.S. Army Knowledge Center and recently was named a "2003 New Jersey Finest" by the newspaper NJBIZ.

I want to make a special note that Ms. Frances R. Pierce has been with DSA for 32 of its 40 years, serving the last 12 as chairman, president, and chief executive officer. I would like to recognize and thank Ms. Pierce for her contributions.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate DSA on 40 years of success in providing information technology solutions and wish them my best for the years to come.

I call upon my colleagues to join me in saluting Data Systems Analysts, Inc. as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

##### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2003*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in November American families across the country gather together in thanksgiving to recognize the variety of blessings they have received. It is fitting that we also choose this month to recognize the importance of adoption in our society.

Currently, thousands of children across the country, freed for adoption, are waiting to be a part of a loving and caring family with a stable home and attentive parents. Many of these children have special physical, mental, or emotional needs and require special nurturing from devoted parents and families. Let it be known that their adoption by special people who elect to take full responsibility for their care, their upbringing, and their overall well-being is an important service not only to these children, but to our country at large.

Adoption not only provides obvious benefits to the affected child, but it has proven to be one of the most rewarding experiences for many adoptive parents. We all benefit when a needy child is adopted.

The County of Onondaga in New York's 25th Congressional District will be recognizing the importance of adoption on Friday, November 21, in ceremonies at Onondaga County Family Court. It is my privilege to recognize and thank all those families, caseworkers, and staff gathered for this important event who have dedicated themselves to improving the welfare of our community's children. It is my hope that this recognition further promotes the importance and benefits of adoption for all those involved. I thank all those responsible for organizing this special local observance of National Adoption Awareness Month.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CLEMENT CARDILLO

##### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2003*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life of an outstanding individual who I am honored to call my friend, Father Clement Cardillo. On Sunday, November 9, 2003, Father Cardillo was recognized by St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church as the 2003 Man of the Year.

In his own unique way, Father Clement Cardillo has dedicated his life to guiding the spiritual and intellectual lives of the men and women of Paterson, New Jersey. His devoted commitment to serving the needs of others has left an indelible mark on the lives of all who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Born in Portchester, New York, Clement Cardillo first studied with the Salesians of St. John Don Bosco at the seminary in Newton, New Jersey and made his Profession of Vows on September 8, 1944—the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon his graduation from Don Bosco College with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and a minor in Education, he began his first year of theological study before being sent to the theologate in Bollengo, Italy for the remainder of his studies. It was here, in Bollengo, that Clement was ordained into the Salesian Order on July 1, 1954.

On returning to the United States, Father Cardillo began a long and distinguished career as an educator. Shortly after his ordination, Father Cardillo was assigned to the staff of the Salesian Minor Seminary in West Haverstraw, New York where he taught Geometry and French and headed up the music department. Subsequent years found him teaching at a Salesian Middle School in Goshen, New York, and later, at a minor seminary in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Most remarkable, however, is the fact that Father Cardillo was able to balance his teaching responsibilities with his studies, ultimately receiving his Masters of Education in Counseling Psychology from Boston College.

In 1965, Father Cardillo accepted the pastorate of St. Anthony Church in Paterson, New Jersey—a post that he retained for 15 years. While at St. Anthony's, Father Cardillo was appointed by Bishop Casey as the Director of the Consultation Center (a psychological office dedicated to assisting priests and nuns who are leaving their vocation) and as the diocesan director of the Pre-Cana Program. In 1980, he was reassigned to his present position at St. Gerard's Church in Paterson where he currently serves the Diocese of Paterson as a psychologist on the Diocesan Review Board.

Over the past twenty-five years, Father Cardillo has dedicated himself to tending the spiritual and emotional lives of each of his parishioners. As a New Jersey Licensed Psychologist and as an ordained priest, he has selflessly given of himself to improve the quality of life of all of the men and women in his care. It is no surprise, then, to learn that his work on behalf of the citizens of Paterson has been widely recognized. In 1982, Father Cardillo received Congressional Recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives and on September 27, 1998, he was awarded the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia ET Pontifice (translation: on behalf of the church and Pope).

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the life and work of an individual as devoted to ministering to the faith as Reverend Cardillo. Today, a little more than twenty years after first being recognized by Congress, I ask that you join our colleagues, the men and women of St. Gerard's Roman Catholic

Church, and myself in recognizing Reverend Clement Cardillo for touching the hearts and souls of so many in his parish.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME  
TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2443) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes:

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Chairman, I commend the efforts of the Chairman of the Subcommittee and the Ranking Minority Member for their leadership in the effort to establish a dedicated West Coast Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON).

As former Ranking Member of Coast Guard Subcommittee, I was deeply involved in the creation of the HITRON program. The current HITRON squadron is composed of eight leased and armed helicopters and is based in my district just outside Jacksonville. I have inspected the squadron on several occasions and have been very impressed with the level of training they have received and their state of readiness to pursue the "go-fast" boats. The "go fasts" have traditionally been a highly effective method for smuggling large volumes of drugs into the United States. HITRON has posed the first real threat to this mode of transportation. In the short life of this program there have been 41 fast boat chases and 41 drug busts which have prevented nearly \$3 billion in cocaine and other illegal drugs from reaching our kids on the streets. Thus the Sting Ray HITRON program has a remarkable success rate of 100 percent. Today, HITRON aircrews routinely deploy aboard U.S. Coast Guard cutters patrolling the high seas in the Caribbean to stem the tide of illegal drugs flowing into the United States. As intelligence reports dictate they are diverted to the Pacific.

The MH-68A HITRON helicopters have been named the Sting Ray. Since 9-11, Sting Rays have been pressed into the anti-terrorist mission, defending our ports and waterways from waterborne terrorist attack, and even providing protection for presidential visits. Not even these wonderful pilots with their feisty little aircraft can be in more than one place at a time! Two years after 9-11 there are only 8 armed Homeland Security helicopters authorized for airborne use of force over our tens of thousands of miles of ports and waterways which are dotted with strategic facilities such as nuclear plants. Shame, Mr. Speaker! Shame!

I agree with those advocates in Congress who feel it is time to acquire a new larger state-of-the-art cutter capable helicopter that

can perform multiple airborne use of force missions. We could at any day be confronted by suicide terrorists headed toward a port or critical bridge on a small boat or a container ship. We must have a helicopter that can transport and support six-man tactical teams and can deliver and retrieve sea marshals as well as engage in port coverage and drug interdiction. In other words we should have a bigger helicopter with cutter capability in the inventory. The Coast Guard should waste no time initiating a competition for a new multi-purpose helicopter.

Under the best circumstances, if a competition were initiated today and executed with vigor, we would only have a limited number of such helicopters by January, 2006. For the interim period we need more Sting-Ray helicopters. In fact, the Sting Rays are the only helicopters authorized for airborne use of force over civilian populations. Thus, the Sting Rays are the only interim solution available until new Multi-purpose Cutter Helicopters can be acquired.

One year ago I worked diligently with our former colleague from Pennsylvania, Mr. Borski, the gentleman from North Carolina Mr. COBLE, and the gentleman from California, Mr. FILNER to assure there would be no interruption in the HITRON program. At that time HITRON was threatened by looming lease expiration on the armed helicopter fleet. Thirty-eight Members of Congress joined in this effort. We initially pressed for a purchase of the aircraft. However, the Commandant informed us that he wanted to hold open the option of acquiring a new multi-purpose helicopter. As a result of our efforts, the Coast Guard extended the lease for 8 HITRON helicopters currently in the inventory for 5 years and made provision to lease additional helicopters. In signing that lease, Coast Guard had the foresight to open the lease terms in order to permit the addition of as many Sting Rays as may be required. The Sting-Rays may be returned to the manufacturer in any lease year if new helicopters come on line.

It is important that we assist the Coast Guard in every way possible to carry out their post 9-11 role. With the HITRON Sting-Rays we have an ideal interim program until the new helicopters can be acquired. In fact I would be surprised if there is not a permanent role for these light, fast and aggressive little helicopters. I know for a fact they should not be shuttled back and forth between the East Coast and the West Coast. Each Coast must have a permanent installation. I know for a fact we need more Sting Ray helicopters for East Coast anti-terrorist port protection as well as Caribbean fast boat drug interdiction. This bill, which authorizes funding for a West Coast fleet, jump starts the process and is a good beginning. We have wasted two years with no expansion of our assets capable of airborne use of force. Lets roll!

TRIBUTE TO JAY S. PIFER

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2003*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it is with both pleasure and sadness that I rise today to recognize Jay S. Pifer, who is planning his retirement on December 1st after more than 40 years with Allegheny Energy. Jay has been a good friend to Pennsylvania and an outstanding corporate leader. I am pleased to recognize some of his achievements here today, but I must say that he will be greatly missed.

Jay is a native of Pennsylvania, graduated from Ridgway Area High School, and has degrees from both Penn State University and Clarion State University. He has received numerous awards including Penn State's Outstanding Engineering Alumni and the University's Alumni Fellow Award. He began his career at Allegheny as a college student.

He was named interim President and CEO at Allegheny Energy before being named Chief Operating Officer in June. He has worked in almost every department in the company including sales, marketing, engineering, customer service, accounting and management. In fact, Jay has performed admirably at almost every job in the company. He has held a number of leadership positions, including President of its Allegheny Power energy delivery subsidiary—which supplies power throughout Western Pennsylvania, and in Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and Ohio. During a time of recent financial challenges for Allegheny, Jay played a leading role in preserving the company. Through it all—and some very difficult weather from ice storms to Hurricane Isabel—Allegheny Power was recognized by J.D. Power and Associates as the second best company in customer satisfaction in the East and 10th best in the Nation. This is an honor of which Jay is justifiably proud.

Jay also has been involved in many civic and community activities, dedicating himself to education, economic development, and conservation efforts in Western Pennsylvania and her neighboring states. He serves on the boards of the United Way and the Business Roundtables of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. His many other honors include membership on the Advisory Board of Penn State University and the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, honorary chair of the NAACP, director of the Westmoreland Trust, and membership in the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. He is an ordained Lay Pastor in the United Methodist Church and has long been associated with the Boy Scouts of America. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Northeast Region of the Boy Scouts.

His accomplishments are really too numerous to mention, but I wish Jay well in his retirement and thank him for his tireless commitment to Allegheny Energy and Pennsylvania.